

APPENDIX A

"CLEAN" VERSION OF EACH PARAGRAPH/SECTION/CLAIM 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(ii) AND (c)(i)

Replacement for the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 10:

The linkage 11 is connected between the extension rod 8, the frame 10 and the foot pedal 13. Three links 15/16/17 form in combination the linkage 11. The link 15 is connected at one end thereof to the lower end of the extension rod 8 by means of a hinge 19. The link 16 is connected at one end thereof to the frame 10 by means of a hinge 20 and at the other end thereof to the link 17 by means of a hinge 21. The other end of the link 15 is connected to an intermediate point of the link 16 by means of a hinge 22. The foot board 13b is rotatably connected to the other end of the link 17 by means of a hinge 23. The foot board 13b converts the force exerted thereon to moment around the pin 13c, and the moment is converted to force exerted on the other end of the link 16 by means of the link 17. The force at the other end produces moment around the hinge 20, and the link 15 converts the moment to force exerted on the lower end of the extension rod 8.

CLAIMS (with indication of amended or new):

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6. A hat stand for keeping high hat cymbals over a surface, comprising:

a cymbal sustaining structure standing on said surface, and including a stationary member connected to one of said high hat cymbals and a movable member connected to the other of said high hat cymbals and bidirectionally movable with respect to said stationary member for crashing said other of said high hat cymbals against said one of said high hat cymbals; and

a driver including a foot pedal moved with a first force exerted thereon by a player, an elastic member connected between said stationary member and said movable member for urging said movable member in a first direction, a frame stationary with respect to said stationary member, and a toggle joint connected between said movable member, said frame and said foot pedal and responsive to said first force so as to move said movable member in a second direction opposite to said first direction, said toggle joint including a first link rotatably connected at one end thereof to said frame, a second link rotatably connected

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at one end thereof to the other end of said first link and at the other end thereof to said movable member, and a third link rotatable connected at one end thereof to said foot pedal and at the other end thereof to said other end of said first link and said one end of said second link so as to exert a second force on said movable member.

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10. 9. A hat stand for keeping high hat cymbals over a surface, comprising:

a cymbal sustaining structure standing on said surface, and including a stationary member connected to one of said high hat cymbals and a movable member connected to the other of said high hat cymbals and bidirectionally movable with respect to said stationary member for crashing said other of said high hat cymbals against said one of said high hat cymbals;

a driver including a foot pedal moved with a first force exerted thereon by a player, an elastic member connected between said stationary member and said movable member for urging said movable member in a first direction, a frame stationary with respect to said stationary member, and a toggle joint connected between said movable member, said frame and said foot pedal and responsive to said first force so as to move said movable member in a second direction opposite to said first direction, said toggle joint including a first link rotatably connected at one end thereof to said frame, a second link rotatably connected at one end thereof to the other end of said first link and at the other end thereof to said other end of said first link and said one end of said foot pedal and at the other end thereof to said other end of said first link and said one end of said second link so as to exert a second force on said movable member;

- a base block placed on said surface; and
- a foot board rotatably connected between said base block and said toggle joint.

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12/ The high hat stand as set forth in claim 1, in which said toggle joint is structured and arranged to achieve a magnification ratio of said second force to said first force so as to move said movable member in said second direction in an initial stage of the motion of said foot pedal.

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